

# World Food System Summer School

## Food Systems in Transition

17 August to 1 September 2019 | Rheinau, Switzerland



# Our Food System Needs You

**The question of how to feed the world while considering human health, the environment and social wellbeing is one of the defining challenges of our time. From changes in land use to dietary shifts, contemporary transitions in the food system have profound implications around the globe.**



Join the World Food System Summer School and join a community of motivated and like-minded students, researchers and practitioners from around the world to explore how to build sustainable food systems in times of rapid change.

Our 2019 summer school will be hosted on the “Gut Rheinau”, one of Switzerland’s largest and oldest organic farms. Experience food systems and production first hand, being immersed in a modern, socially integrative food system.

During this summer school you will:

**Discuss** challenges, opportunities and innovations in food systems across disciplines, sectors and scales.

**Collaborate** with producers, leading research institutes, industry players, policy makers and civil society representatives.

**Learn** how to apply a food systems perspective, considering environmental, social, political and economic issues.

**Create and innovate** by exchanging ideas and working on case studies to address contemporary challenges of the world food system as part of a diverse, interdisciplinary team.

**Examine** how transitions in land use and diets affect global food and nutrition security while engaging with experts in the field and building an international network.

**Experience** first-hand the realities of sustainable production systems. This immersion learning experience integrates lectures, group work, case studies, workshops, excursions, art and includes guest speakers and evening social and cultural activities. You will also have the chance to do hands-on work on the farm.



## Partners and Contributors

The course involves a diverse group of contributors from academia, industry, policy, development cooperation and civil society organizations.



## Organizers

The course is organized by the World Food System Center at ETH Zurich, in partnership with the Delivering Food Security on Limited Land research consortium. The Center works toward a vision of a healthy world through sustainable food systems. Our 41 professorial members from different departments engage in interdisciplinary research, education and outreach together with partners from a variety of sectors.

ETH Zurich, the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology, is one of the leading international universities for technology and natural sciences. It has more than 18,000 students from over 110 countries and 500 professors.

## Support

This World Food System Summer School is part of the research project Delivering Food Security on Limited Land. This project is led by an international and multidisciplinary consortium of researchers from eight countries. The project is generously supported by national funding bodies, coordinated through the Belmont Forum and the FACCE-JPI Initiative. We are also grateful for the financial contribution by Mercator Foundation Switzerland.



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## Eligibility

Applicants must be currently enrolled in a university education program (Minimum 3rd year Bachelor, Master's or PhD) or have recently graduated from one of these programs (up to 5 years since graduation).

Successful applicants will have a strong interest in food system challenges and solutions, interdisciplinary and cross-sector collaboration, inter-cultural exchange and bring relevant experience.

The course will be conducted in English.

The application process is competitive and all applicants must submit a full application. This also applies to applicants from ETH Zurich and Delivering Food Security on Limited Land partner universities.

## Duration

The course will run for two weeks, between 17 August and 1 September 2019 in Rheinau, Switzerland. If selected, you must attend for the entire course period.

## Recognition

ETH Zurich accredits successful completion of the course with 4 ECTS (European Credit Transfer System) points and a certificate of completion. Acknowledgment of the points in your study programs at your home institution is your own responsibility.

## Fee

The course fee of 750 Swiss Francs (CHF) per student covers the cost for all board, lodging, local travel and activities during the program, all of which are arranged by the course organizers. You are responsible for paying and organizing your visa (if required), health insurance and your transportation to and from Rheinau, Switzerland.

## Application

To apply, you must complete and submit an online form, your curriculum vitae, a motivation letter and a letter of recommendation. Please visit the following website for further details:

[www.worldfoodsystem.ethz.ch/education/summer-schools/upcoming.html](http://www.worldfoodsystem.ethz.ch/education/summer-schools/upcoming.html) →

Your complete application must be submitted by 18 March 2019, 8 AM CET

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